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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Developments Relative to President Kennedy's
Trip to Costa Rica

1. Nothing has occurred in the past few days to change the conclusions of SNIE 83.4-63, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN COSTA RICA, dated 6 March. The developments described below are of the sort anticipated in the SNIE.

2. Constitutional problems have delayed a clean-cut decision by the Orlich Government on the legality of interning suspected terrorists of Costa Rican nationality.

3. Top leaders of the Costa Rican Communist party (PVP) are reliably reported to be disappointed that the Orlich Government has not given them grounds for claiming police persecution. The government plans to clean away all anti-conference signs and posters on 17 March, and PVP leaders, anticipating such action, are considering the release of balloons along President Kennedy's arrival route.

4. The plot against Nicaraguan President Somoza, mentioned in paragraph 9, is still not confirmed, but elements reportedly involved are being intensively investigated.

5. During a radiobroadcast on 8 March, the secretary general of the PVP attacked the presidents' conference charging that the US plans to invade Cuba and would use the conference to obtain promises of military bases in Central America. He said the party would not resort to violence during the visit. The speech has had practically no public impact.

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